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CULTURE AND INFORMATION DECEMBER 9:

STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER OF CULTURE AND INFORMATION
(KIM SEONG JIN)

QUOTE THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT HAS REPEATEDLY DEMANDED THAT THE
AUTHORITIES CONCERNED OF THE UNITED STATES CLARIFY IN PUBLIC
WHETHER OR NOT UNITED STATES ORGANIZATIONS DID INDEED BUG
THE PRESIDENTIAL RESIDENCE OF KOREA, A SOVEREIGN STATE AND
AN ALLY OF THE UNITED STATES.

THE FAILURE BY THE UNITED STATES SIDE TO PROVIDE A
CONVINCING CLARIFICATION IN PUBLIC HAS GIVEN RISE TO CONTINUED
SPECULATIONS AND DISTORTIONS WHICH ARE QUITE DETRIMENTAL TO
THE INTEREST OF BOTH THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE UNITED
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STATES. THEREFORE IF AN EARLY PUBLIC CLARIFICATION IS NOT

FORTHCOMING FROM THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES CONCERNED,
THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT WILL BE OBLIGED TO CLARIFY THE SITUATION
BY UNDERTAKING A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION INTO THE REPORTED
BUGGING.

IF AS A RESULT OF THE INVESTIGATION IT BE ESTABLISHED THAT
THE UNITED STATES ORGANIZATIONS COMMITTED SUCH UNLAWFUL ACTS,
THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURES IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE RELEVANT LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

SUCH ACTS, IF COMMITTED, WOULD NOT ONLY CAST DOUBT ON THE
AMERICAN MORALITY BUT ALSO ADVERSELY AFFECT THE FRIENDLY
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE UNITED
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